

Our rights under the "Betamax" decision should be fully retained, for the reasons that are well stated in the decision. It seems there is a movement by special interests to make us live in an 'iron curtain country.'

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Any decision otherwise will awaken a sleeping giant.

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